



Atty. Dkt. No. AMAT/6198/CPI/WCVD/PJS

Gwo-Chuan Tzu

Serial No.: 10/016,300

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**For: Lid Assembly for a
Processing System to
Facilitate Sequential
Deposition Techniques**

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Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

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Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003, having a response period extended by filing a Request for Continued Examination, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6198/KMT for any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.